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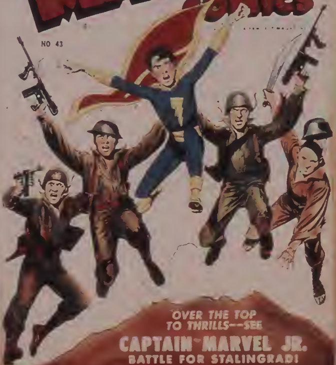

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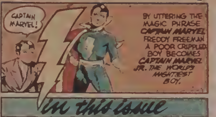

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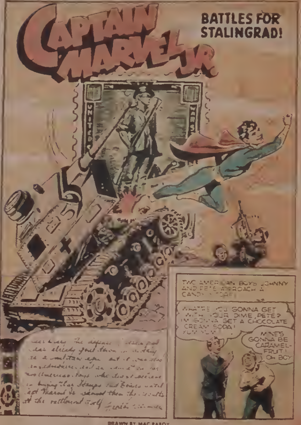
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BATTLES FOR STALINGRAD!
UNITED STATES
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was already gone down in history
as a military epic but it was the
[illegible]
[illegible] boys who [illegible]
in buying War Stamps and Bonds until
Capt. Marvel Jr. showed them the results
of the [illegible]
TWO AMERICAN BOYS JOHNNY AND PETE APPROACH A CANDY STORE!
WHATEE YOU GONNA GET WITH YOUR DIME, PETE? I'M GONNA GET A CHOCOLATE CREAM SODA! YUM YUM!
MINE'S GONNA BE CARAMEL-FRUIT! OH BOY

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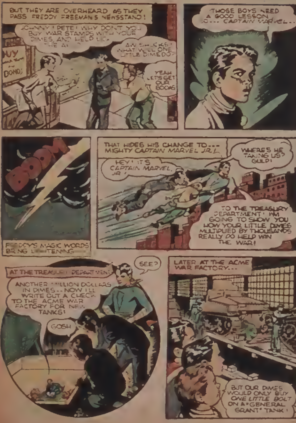
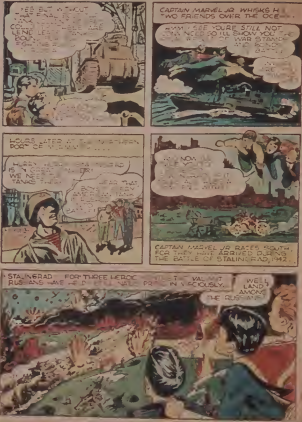
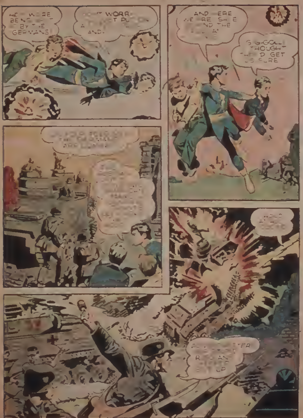

BUT THEY ARE OVERHEARD AS THEY PASS FREDDY FREEMAN'S NEWSSTAND!
JOHNNY! PETE! WHY DON'T YOU BUY WAR STAMPS WITH YOUR DIMES, AND HELP US WIN THE WAR?
BUY WAR BONDS
AW SHUCKS! WHAT WILL ONE LITTLE DIME DO?
YEAH LETS GET OUR SODAS
THOSE BOYS NEED A GOOD LESSON SO... CAPTAIN MARVEL...
BOOM
FREDDY'S MAGIC WORDS BRING LIGHTENING...
THAT HIDES HIS CHANGE TO... MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
HEY! IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
WHERE'S HE TAKING US? GULP!
TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT! I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW YOUR LITTLE DIMES MULTIPLIED BY THOUSANDS REALLY DO HELP WIN THE WAR!
AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT
SEE?
ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS IN DIMES... NOW I'LL WRITE OUT A CHECK TO THE ACME WAR FACTORY FOR NEW TANKS!
GOSH
LATER AT THE ACME WAR FACTORY...
BUT OUR DIMES WOULD ONLY BUY ONE LITTLE BOLT ON A "GENERAL GRANT" TANK!


YES BUT WITHOUT THAT FINAL ... TANK ... COULD ... THERE ARE LEND LEASE TANKS BOUND ... FIGHTING ... RUSSIA
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. WHISKS HIS TWO FRIENDS OVER THE OCEAN.
HMM I SEE YOU'RE STILL NOT CONVINCED SO I'LL SHOW YOU THE ... OF WAR STAMPS AND BONDS ...
HOURS LATER AT THE NORTHERN PORT OF ...
HURRY, HURRY! STALINGRAD IS IN GREAT DANGER! WE NEED THE TANKS THERE!
HEAR THAT, BOYS? EVERY AMERICAN TANK ...
... NOW ...
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. RACES SOUTH, FOR THEY HAVE ARRIVED DURING THE BATTLE OF STALINGRAD, 1942.
STALINGRAD ... FOR THREE HEROIC ... THE VALIANT RUSSIANS HAVE HELD ... NAZI ... IN ... VICIOUSLY.
WE'LL LAND AMONG THE RUSSIANS!


[illegible] WERE BE[illegible] BY THE GERMANS!
[illegible] WORR[illegible] A [illegible] AND-
AND [illegible]ERE WE'RE SA[illegible]E [illegible]ND THE [illegible]
G-G-GOLL[illegible] THOUGHT [illegible]'D GET US SURE
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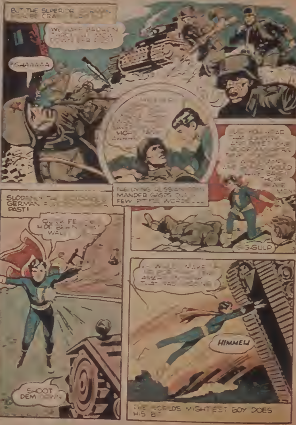
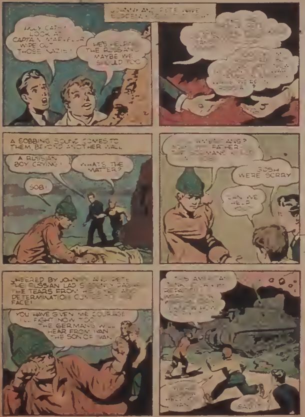
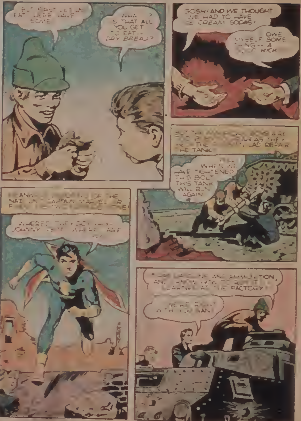
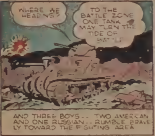
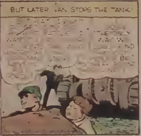
[illegible]TER [illegible] R[illegible] AN[illegible] [illegible] UP

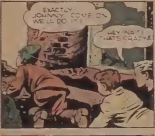

BUT THE SUPERIOR GERMAN FORCES CRASH THROUGH
WE HAVE BROKEN THROUGH [illegible]
AGHHHHH
THE DYING RUSSIAN COMMANDER GASPS OUT A FEW PITIFUL WORDS . . .
SUDDENLY THE [illegible] GERMAN [illegible] PAST!
QUICK FELLOWS HIDE BEHIND THE WALL
SHOOT DEM DOWN
S.G.GULD
HIMMEL!
THE WORLDS MIGHTIEST BOY DOES HIS BIT

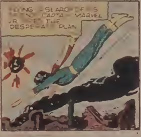

JOHNNY AND PETE HAVE SUDDENLY [illegible]
HOLY CATS! LOOK AT CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. WIPE OUT THOSE NAZIS!
HE'S HELPING THE RUSSIANS MAYBE WE SHOULD TOO
A SOBBING SOUND COMES TO THEM, BEYOND ANOTHER WALL
A RUSSIAN BOY CRYING!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SOB!
YOU AMERICANS? [illegible] FATHER - THE GERMANS KILLED [illegible]
GOSH WE'RE SORRY
CAN WE HELP YOU?
CHEERED BY JOHNNY AND PETE THE RUSSIAN LAD STRONGLY DASHES THE TEARS FROM HIS EYES AND DETERMINATION COMES TO HIS FACE!
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME COURAGE I'LL FIGHT NOW TOO THE GERMANS WILL HEAR FROM IVAN THE SON OF IVAN
THIS AMERICAN TANK [illegible]
[illegible] HELP [illegible] IVAN
[illegible] SAFETY

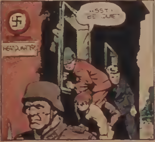

BUT FIRST LET US EAT. HERE HAVE SOME
WHAT? IS THAT ALL YOU GET TO EAT... DRY BREAD?
GOSH! AND WE THOUGHT WE HAD TO HAVE ICE CREAM SODAS!
I OWE MYSELF SOME THING... A GOOD KICK
BUT THE [illegible] ARE [illegible] AS THEY [illegible] THE [illegible] AND REPAIR THE TANK
WELL, WHEN WE HAVE TIGHTENED THIS BOLT THIS TANK WILL RUN AGAIN
MEANWHILE, [illegible] OF THE NAZI [illegible] CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. [illegible]
WHERE'D THEY GO? [illegible] JOHNNY [illegible] WHERE ARE YOU?
[illegible] GASOLINE AND AMMUNITION, AND [illegible] AT THE FACTORY!
WE'RE RIGHT WITH YOU, MAN!

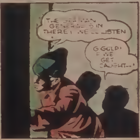

WHERE WE HEADING?
TO THE BATTLE ZONE ONE TANK MAY TURN THE TIDE OF BATTLE
AND THREE BOYS -- TWO AMERICAN AND ONE RUSSIAN -- RUMBLE BRAVELY TOWARD THE FIGHTING AREA

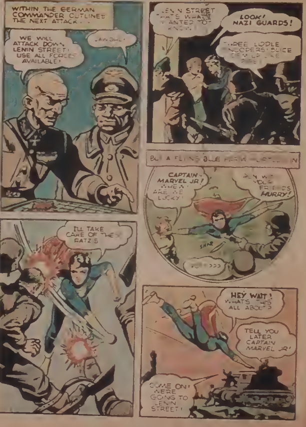

BUT LATER IVAN STOPS THE TANK!

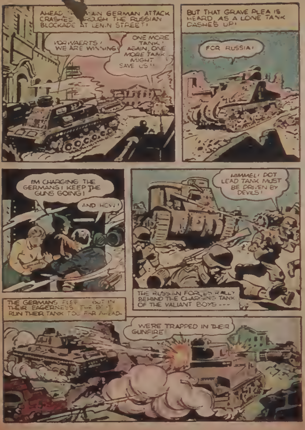

EXACTLY JOHNNY COME ON WE'LL DO IT!
HEY NAT! THAT'S CRAZY!

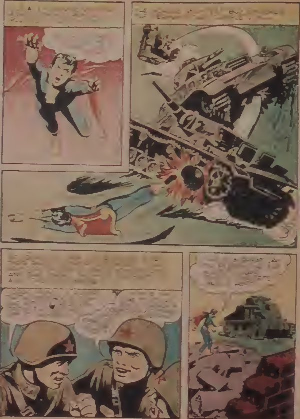

FLYING IN SEARCH OF HIS FRIENDS, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. [illegible] THE DESPERATE PLAN

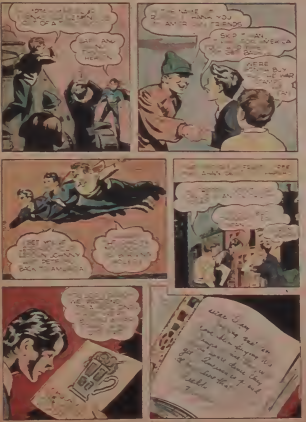

PSST! BE QUIET!
HEADQUARTERS

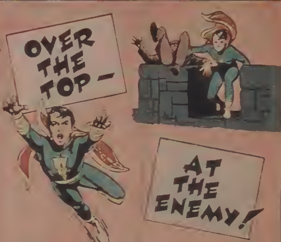

THE GERMAN GENERAL'S IN THERE! WE'LL LISTEN
G-GULP! IF WE GET CAUGHT--!


WITHIN THE GERMAN COMMANDER OUTLINES THE NEXT ATTACK . . .
WE WILL ATTACK DOWN LENIN STREET! USE ALL FORCES AVAILABLE!
JAWOHL!
LENIN STREET— THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW!
LOOK! NAZI GUARDS!
THREE LODLE TROOPERS! SLICE DEM UP LIKE
BUT A FLYING BLUE FORM HURTLES IN
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR! WHEW! ARE WE LUCKY!
RUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS HURRY!
SNAP
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE RATZIS
HEY WAIT! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
TELL YOU LATER CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
COME ON! WE'RE GOING TO LENIN STREET!


AHEAD, [illegible]AIN GERMAN ATTACK CRASHES [illegible]ROUGH THE RUSSIAN BLOCKADE AT LENIN STREET!
VORWAERTS! WE ARE WINNING!
ONE MORE TANK! AGAIN, ONE MORE TANK MIGHT SAVE US!!
BUT THAT GRAVE PLEA IS HEARD, AS A LONE TANK DASHES UP!
FOR RUSSIA!
I'M CHARGING THE GERMANS! KEEP THE GUNS GOING!
AND HOW!
HIMMEL! DOT LEAD TANK MUST BE DRIVEN BY DEVILS!
THE RUSSIAN FORCES RALLY BEHIND THE CHARGING TANK OF THE VALIANT BOYS ---
THE GERMANS FLEE ... BUT IN THEIR EAGERNESS THE BOYS RUN THEIR TANK TOO FAR AHEAD.
WE'RE TRAPPED IN THEIR GUNFIRE!




OUT OF A
HEAVEN
I THANK YOU
AMERICAN FRIENDS
SKIP IT, MAN
AMERICA
BACK
WE'RE GONNA BUY THE WAR STAMPS
JOHNNY
PETE
BACK TO AMERICA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AT THE ENEMY!

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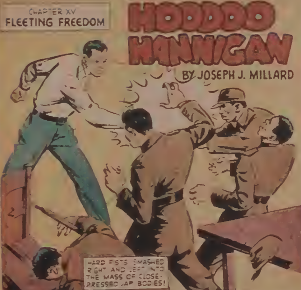


HARD FISTS SMASHED RIGHT AND LEFT INTO THE MASS OF CLOSE-PRESSED JAP BODIES!

Captured by the Japs when he fell from a raiding PT-Boat, Hoodoo Hannigan faces two hours of Jap "questioning"—and then death at dawn!

IT WAS COMPLETELY quiet [illegible] sheet [illegible] shack for long moments while the furious, snarling Captain Igachi rested the point of his knife against Hoodoo Hannigan's bared chest. In those [illegible] H[illegible] naked [illegible] eyes [illegible] eagerness [illegible] around him. In the [illegible] heard [illegible] rush and roar of a rising wind outside [illegible] rain on the sheet iron [illegible]

[illegible] Captain Igachi spoke [illegible] "Where were the torpedo boats going when they left Ulaga Island?"

[illegible] H[illegible] and blade [illegible] though [illegible] had come. He had [illegible] tight spots before [illegible] somehow—and had [illegible] sheer nerve and miraculous luck. This was no [illegible] when anything might happen in the two hours until dawn.

[illegible] again [illegible] laughter [illegible]

Captain [illegible]

[illegible] B[illegible] during [illegible] quivering [illegible] hours of [illegible]

He [illegible] a taunting [illegible] face [illegible] dently saw [illegible] of escape.

It was such [illegible] there was [illegible] shack [illegible] H[illegible] of wind [illegible] the [illegible] swung open.

Just [illegible] —the [illegible] open. But [illegible] action [illegible]

Hoodoo Hannigan. He [illegible] measuring [illegible] tent [illegible]

[illegible] putting [illegible] H[illegible]

And [illegible]. The [illegible]

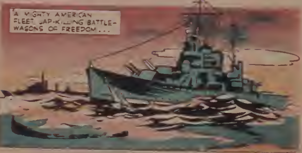
But before [illegible] turn toward it, a [illegible] British voice [illegible]

A [illegible]

T[illegible] A [illegible]

[illegible] Han[illegible]

[illegible] calculated to [illegible] blood. His hard [illegible] like piledrivers.



A MIGHTY AMERICAN FLEET, JAP-KILLING BATTLE-WAGONS OF FREEDOM...

smashed [illegible] into the mass of [illegible] bodies. The [illegible] caught [illegible] Th[illegible] ig[illegible] tried [illegible]

[illegible] H[illegible]

Then H[illegible] was d[illegible] B[illegible] a dagger [illegible] one [illegible] T[illegible] vanished [illegible] ght.

For [illegible] H[illegible] Hooligan [illegible] death [illegible] A[illegible]

SOMETIME BEFORE [illegible] PT [illegible] Dawn [illegible] A[illegible] saw [illegible] sight [illegible] flash [illegible] A[illegible] on PT [illegible] American [illegible] sailed and [illegible] They were in the midst of a [illegible] A[illegible] [illegible] wagon [illegible]

[illegible] Boats [illegible] magic [illegible] PT [illegible]

[illegible] Mark [illegible] PT [illegible] He [illegible]

A[illegible] and a knowledged [illegible] several [illegible] a table laden with maps and [illegible]

"[illegible] heard your story" [illegible] were seated. "And I want [illegible] everything within our power [illegible] end Hooligan an[illegible] You understand of [illegible] war [illegible] strange [illegible] a master at[illegible] I'm [illegible] must [illegible]

[illegible] Dawn said [illegible] last [illegible] anything [illegible] to[illegible] A[illegible] no [illegible] that [illegible] of [illegible] don't [illegible] A[illegible] the [illegible] F[illegible] go [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] Dawn sa[illegible] stopped [illegible] her [illegible]

[illegible] turned [illegible] Leon [illegible] Dawn [illegible] Commander leaned forward [illegible] gravely [illegible] A[illegible]

[illegible] something [illegible] Wade A[illegible] but [illegible] We [illegible] stand [illegible] ending we [illegible] our [illegible] we use [illegible] human [illegible] before our [illegible]

Atlas [illegible] stared wooden-faced [illegible] for a moment. Then he turned back [illegible] touched his wide mouth.

"Go[illegible] C[illegible]," he said quietly. "Now I'll tell you something. There isn't a [illegible] A[illegible]—or a bomb [illegible] got Hoodoo Han[illegible]"

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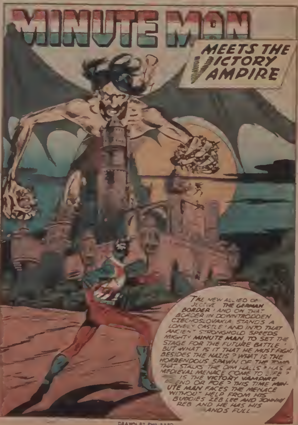
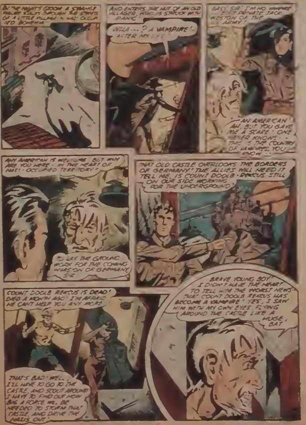
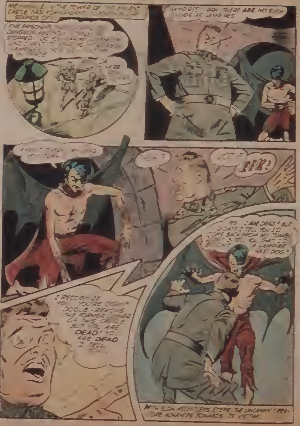
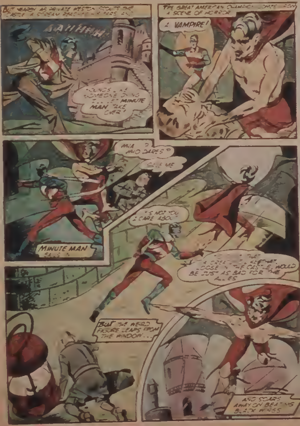
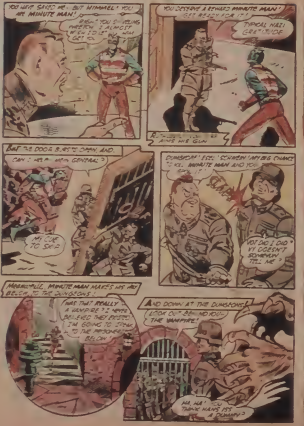

MINUTE MAN
MEETS THE VICTORY VAMPIRE
THE NEW ALLIED OBJECTIVE THE GERMAN BORDER! AND ON THAT BORDER IN DOWNTRODDEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA STANDS A LONELY CASTLE! AND INTO THAT ANCIENT STRONGHOLD SPEEDS MIGHTY MINUTE MAN, TO SET THE STAGE FOR THE FUTURE BATTLE! BUT WHAT IS IT THAT HE MUST FIGHT BESIDES THE NAZIS? WHAT IS THE HORRENDOUS SPAWN OF THE TOMB THAT STALKS THE DIM HALLS? HAS A MEDIEVAL MENACE COME TO LIFE? IS THE VICTORY VAMPIRE FRIEND OR FOE? THIS TIME MINUTE MAN FACES THE MENACE WITHOUT HELP FROM HIS BUDDIES ZEB LEE AND JOHNNY REB AND HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL...

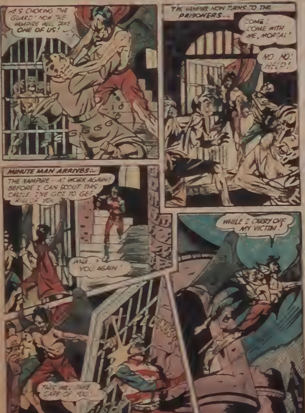
DRAWN BY PHIL BARD

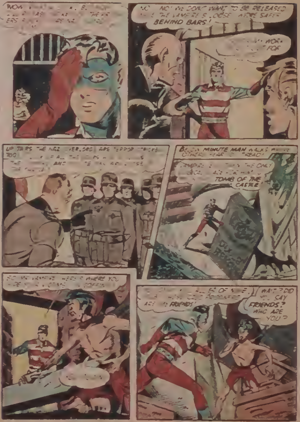

IN THE NIGHT'S GLOOM A STRANGE FIGURE STALKS THROUGH THE STREETS OF A LITTLE VILLAGE IN NAZI OCCUPIED BOHEMIA
AND ENTERS THE HUT OF AN OLD VILLAGER, WHO IS STRUCK WITH PANIC!
WHA...? A VAMPIRE! AFTER MY LIFE!
EASY SIR! I'M NO VAMPIRE ... JUST PRIVATE JACK WESTON OF THE ARMY!
AN AMERICAN! AH, BUT YOU GAVE ME A SCARE! ONE NEVER KNOWS. - THIS IS THE COUNTRY OF VAMPIRES, YOU KNOW ..
ANY AMERICAN IS WELCOME. BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE - IN THE HEART OF NAZI - OCCUPIED TERRITORY?
TO LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR THE COMING INVASION OF GERMANY, SIR
THAT OLD CASTLE OVERLOOKS THE BORDERS OF GERMANY! THE ALLIES WILL NEED IT TELL ME, IS COUNT DOOLB - REKCUS STILL ON OUR SIDE WORKING FOR THE UNDERGROUND?
COUNT DOOLB REKCUS IS DEAD! DIED A MONTH AGO! I'M AFRAID HE CANT HELP YOU ANY MORE
THAT'S BAD! WELL, I'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE CASTLE, AND SCOUT AROUND I HAVE TO FIND OUT HOW BIG A FORCE WILL BE NEEDED TO STORM THAT CASTLE, AND DRIVE THE NAZIS OUT!
BRAVE YOUNG BOY! I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HIM THE WORST NEWS- THAT COUNT DOOLB REKCUS HAS BECOME A VAMPIRE! YES, I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES, FLYING AROUND THE CASTLE LIKE A HUGE, BAT

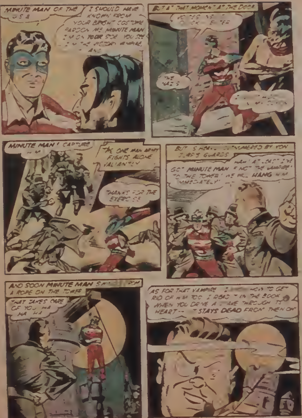

MEANWHILE, IN THE TOWER OF THE ANCIENT CASTLE, NAZI KOMMANDANT [illegible] SOUNDS OF-
FIVE PRISONERS [illegible] DUNGEON [illegible] STOPPED [illegible] VAMPIRE [illegible] PLACE
VAMPIRES? BAH! THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS VAMPIRES
[illegible]
HUH?
YOU?
EEK!
YES, I AM DEAD! BUT DIDN'T I TELL YOU I'D COME BACK FROM MY TOMB? [illegible] TELL YOU THAT I'D [illegible] A VAMPIRE, NAZI DOG!
I RECOGNIZE YOU... YOU'RE COUNT JACOB REKCUS, THE FORMER OWNER OF THIS CASTLE. BUT YOU ARE DEAD! YOU ARE DEAD I TELL YOU!
WITH SLOW [illegible] STEPS THE UNCANNY CREATURE ADVANCES TOWARDS ITS VICTIM.

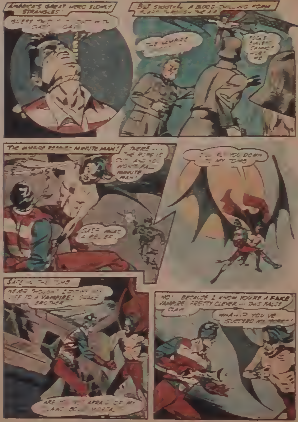

BUT NEARBY AS PRIVATE WESTON SCOUTS THE CASTLE A SCREAM REACHES HIS EARS AND
AAHHHH
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE DYING [illegible] LET MINUTE MAN TAKE OVER!
THE GREAT AMERICAN CHAMPION COMES UPON A SCENE OF HORROR
A VAMPIRE!
WHA ? WHO DARES ?
SAVE ME
MINUTE MAN SAILS IN
IT'S NOT YOU I CARE ABOUT
[illegible] THAT A CREATURE LIKE THAT LOOSE IN THE CASTLE, WOULD BE JUST AS BAD FOR THE ALLIES
BUT THE WEIRD FIGURE LEAPS FROM THE WINDOW...
AND SOARS AWAY ON BEATING BLACK WINGS

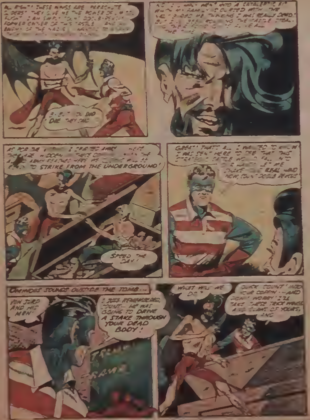

YOU HAVE SAVED ME - BUT HIMMEL! YOU ARE MINUTE MAN!
BAH! YOU SNIVELING WRETCH! I ALMOST WISH I'D LET HIM GET YOU
YOU DESERVE A REWARD MINUTE MAN! GET READY FOR IT!
TYPICAL NAZI GRATITUDE
[illegible] AIMS HIS GUN
BUT THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN, AND.
CAN I HELP, MEIN GENERAL?
MY CUE TO SKIP
DUMBKOPF! ESEL! SCHWEIN! MY BIG CHANCE TO KILL MINUTE MAN AND YOU SPOIL IT!
SMACK
VOT DID I DID? VY DOESN'T SOMEVUN TELL ME?
MEANWHILE, MINUTE MAN MAKES HIS WAY BELOW TO THE DUNGEONS!
WAS THAT REALLY A VAMPIRE? I NEVER BELIEVED THEY EXISTED! I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THE PRISONERS BELOW!
AND DOWN AT THE DUNGEONS!
LOOK OUT-BEHIND YOU-THE VAMPIRE!
HA, HA! YOU THINK HANS ISS A DUMMY?

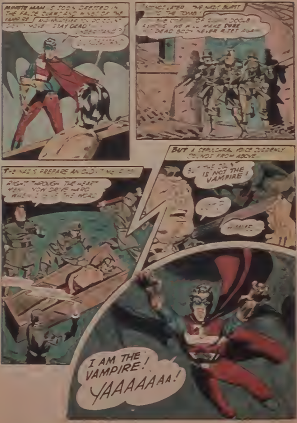

HE'S CHOKING THE GUARD! NOW THE VAMPIRE WILL MAKE ONE OF US!
THE VAMPIRE NOW TURNS TO THE PRISONERS...
COME! COME WITH ME, MORTAL!
NO NO! HELP!
MINUTE MAN ARRIVES:...
THE VAMPIRE - AT WORK AGAIN! BEFORE I CAN SCOUT THIS CASTLE I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF YOU!
WHA...? YOU AGAIN!
CLUNK!
THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
WHILE I CARRY OFF MY VICTIM!

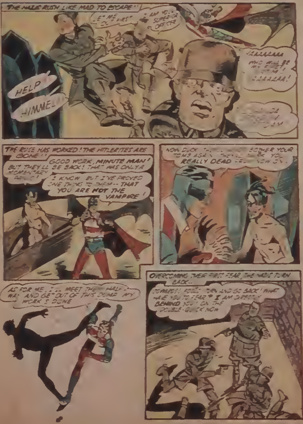

NOW [illegible]
NO! NO! WE DON'T WANT TO BE RELEASED [illegible] THE VAMPIRE'S LOOSE! WE'RE SAFER BEHIND BARS!
[illegible] FOR
UP TAIRS THE NAZI [illegible] ARE [illegible] TOO [illegible] AND [illegible]
BELOW MINUTE MAN WALKS WHERE OTHERS FEAR TO TREAD!
VAMPIRE [illegible] THE ONLY [illegible] TOMB OF THE CASTLE!
SO, MR. VAMPIRE, HERE'S WHERE YOU HIDE YOUR VICTIMS [illegible] COFFIN!
[illegible] OF [illegible] ARE MY FRIENDS!
WAIT? DID YOU SAY FRIENDS? WHO ARE YOU?

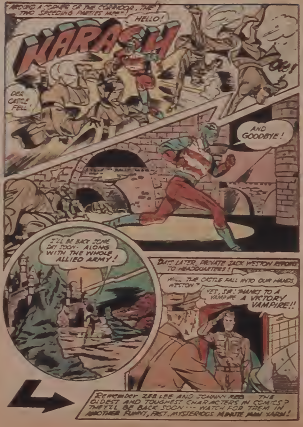

MINUTE MAN OF THE U S A
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN FROM YOUR BRIGHT COSTUME PARDON ME MINUTE MAN I'M ON YOUR SIDE YOU SEE I'M THE VICTORY VAMPIRE, AND
BUT AT THAT MOMENT AT THE DOOR
VOICES [illegible] QUICK [illegible] ENTER
THE NAZIS
MINUTE MAN! CAPTURE HIM
THE ONE MAN ARMY FIGHTS ALONE VALIANTLY
THANKS FOR THE EXERCISE
BUT IS HEAVILY OUTNUMBERED BY VON TURP'S GUARDS
MAN! AT LAST WE GOT MINUTE MAN AND NOT THE VAMPIRE! TO THE TOWER! WE WILL HANG HIM IMMEDIATELY!
AND SOON MINUTE MAN [illegible] FROM A ROPE ON THE TOWER
THAT TAKES CARE OF YOU HA HA HA
AS FOR THAT VAMPIRE I KNOW HOW TO GET RID OF HIM TOO I READ IT IN THE BOOK WHEN YOU DRIVE A STAKE THROUGH ITS HEART-- IT STAYS DEAD FROM THEN ON

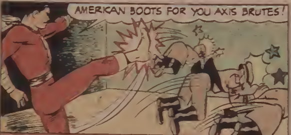

AMERICA'S GREAT HERO SLOWLY STRANGLES!
BLESS THE [illegible] GASP GA...
BUT SUDDENLY, A BLOOD-CHILLING FORM FLAPS THRU THE AIR
THE VAMPIRE! [illegible]
[illegible]
THE VAMPIRE RESCUES MINUTE MAN!
THERE... THE ROPE IS CUT AND YOU WON'T FALL MINUTE MAN!
GASP WHAT A RELIEF!
I'LL FLY YOU DOWN TO MY TOMB
SAFE IN THE TOMB
NEVER THOUGHT I'D OWE MY LIFE TO A VAMPIRE! SHAKE BROTHER
ARE [illegible] AFRAID OF MY [illegible] MORTAL
NO! BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE A FAKE VAMPIRE. PRETTY CLEVER -- THIS FALSE CLAW
WHA-A-T? YOU'VE [illegible]!


ALL RIGHT! THESE WINGS ARE PARACHUTE GLIDERS! THEY GIVE ME THE POWER OF [illegible] FLIGHT! I AM SIMPLY COUNT DOUBLE-[illegible] FORMER OWNER OF THIS CASTLE [illegible] AND AN ENEMY OF THE NAZIS! [illegible]
B-BUT YOU DID DIE THEY SAID
[illegible] INTO A CATALEPTIC FIT [illegible] MY FAMILY IS CURSED WITH THE [illegible] MADE ME THINK I WAS REALLY DEAD! [illegible] THE CASTLE [illegible] ALIVE [illegible]
AS FOR THE [illegible] I CREATED [illegible] DOWN [illegible] READY TO STRIKE FROM THE UNDERGROUND!
SPEED THE DAY!
GREAT! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW! I WAS SENT HERE TO SEE THAT THIS STRATEGIC CASTLE WOULD [illegible] REAL AND NOW, COUNT DOUBLE-[illegible]
OMINOUS SOUNDS OUTSIDE THE TOMB...
VON JURD AND HIS MEN!
I JUST REMEMBERED, COUNT -- HE WAS GOING TO DRIVE A STAKE THROUGH YOUR DEAD BODY!
TRAMP
TRAMP
WHAT WILL WE DO?
QUICK, COUNT! INTO YOUR COFFIN -- AND DON'T WORRY! I'LL TAKE THESE TRICK WINGS AND CLOAK OF YOURS, AND


MINUTE MAN IS SOON DRESSED IN THE FALSE CLAWS AND WINGS OF THE VAMPIRE
AND WHATEVER YOU DO, COUNT, DON'T MOVE — STAY DEAD! ... UNDERSTAND?
I UNDERSTAND.
MOMENTS LATER THE NAZIS BURST INTO THE TOMB!
BY THE ORDERS OF COUNT DOCLB ... WE WILL MAKE SURE HIS DEAD BODY NEVER RISES AGAIN
THE NAZIS PREPARE AN OAKEN STAKE
RIGHT THROUGH THE HEART, MEN. NOW DRIVE HARD WHEN I GIVE THE WORD
BUT A SEPULCHRAL VOICE SUDDENLY SOUNDS FROM ABOVE
BUT THE COUNT IS NOT THE VAMPIRE!
WHAT?
I AM THE VAMPIRE! YAAAAAAA!


THE NAZIS RUSH LIKE MAD TO ESCAPE!!
LET ME OUT FIRST!
I AM YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER
AAAAAAAA WHO WILL BE MY ... AAAAAAA!
HELP
HIMMEL
THE RUSE HAS WORKED! THE HITLERITES ARE GONE!!
GOOD WORK, MINUTE MAN! BUT THEY'LL BE BACK! THAT WAS ONLY A MOMENTARY PANIC!
I KNOW, BUT I'VE PROVED ONE THING TO THEM -- THAT YOU ARE NOT THE VAMPIRE!
NOW DUCK ... BOTHER YOUR TOMB AGAIN ... YOU REALLY DEAD ...
AS FOR ME, I ... MEET THEM HALF-WAY AND GET OUT OF THIS DUMP. MY WORK'S DONE
OVERCOMING THEIR FIRST FEAR, THE NAZIS TURN BACK..
COWARDS! FOOLS! TURN AND GO BACK! WHAT HAVE YOU TO FEAR? I AM DIRECTLY BEHIND YOU! ON THE DOUBLE-QUICK NOW


AROUND A CORNER OF THE CORRIDOR, THE TWO SPEEDING PARTIES MEET!
HELLO!
KARASH
DER CASTLE FELL!
OOF!
AND GOODBYE!
I'LL BE BACK SOME DAY SOON- ALONG WITH THE WHOLE ALLIED ARMY!
DAYS LATER, PRIVATE JACK WESTON REPORTS TO HEADQUARTERS!
WILL THE CASTLE FALL INTO OUR HANDS, WESTON?
YES, SIR! THANKS TO A VAMPIRE A VICTORY VAMPIRE!!
Remember ZEB LEE AND JOHNNY REB THE OLDEST AND TOUGHEST CHARACTERS IN COMICS? THEY'LL BE BACK SOON --- WATCH FOR THEM IN ANOTHER FUNNY, FAST, MYSTERIOUS MINUTE MAN YARN!


AMERICAN BOOTS FOR YOU AXIS BRUTES!

CAPT. MARVEL SAYS:

KICK THE AXIS WHERE IT HURTS!
BUY BONDS *STEADILY*... NOT IN SPURTS!

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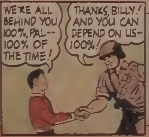
WE'RE ALL BEHIND YOU 100%, PAL-- 100% OF THE TIME!
THANKS, BILLY! AND YOU CAN DEPEND ON US-- 100%!

KEEP BUYING WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

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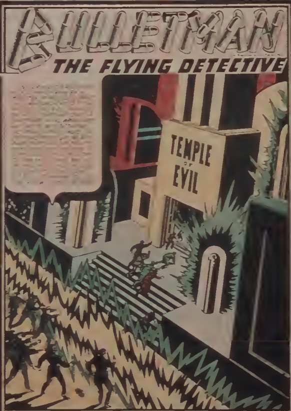
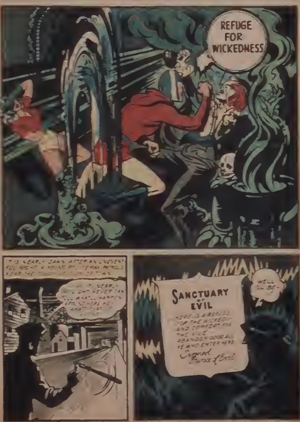
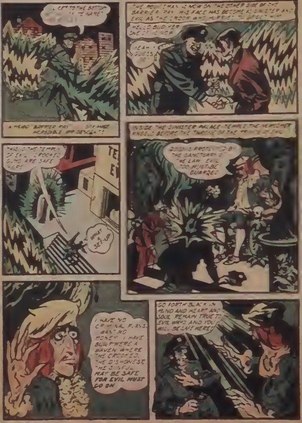
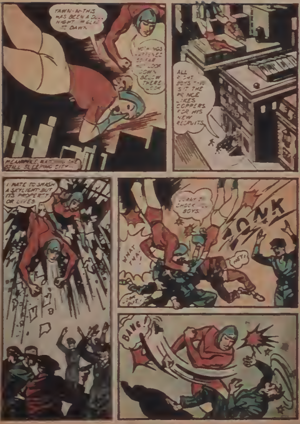
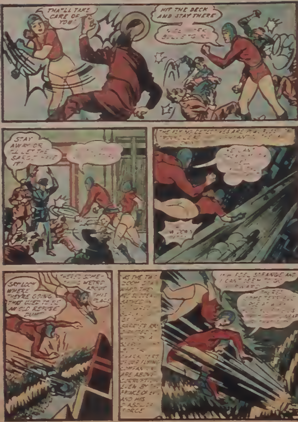
YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT—NOW DO YOUR BEST!

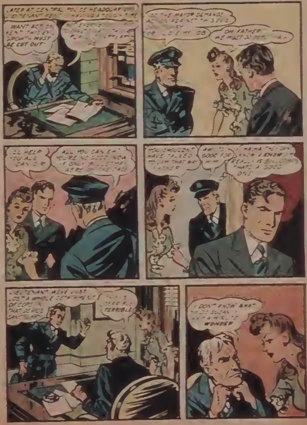

BULLETMAN
THE FLYING DETECTIVE
TEMPLE OF EVIL

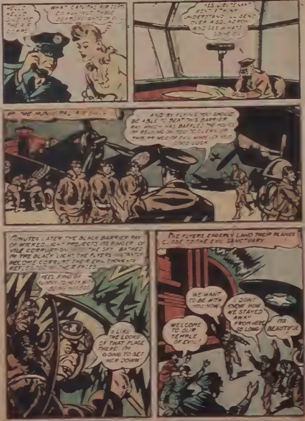

REFUGE FOR WICKEDNESS
IT IS NEARLY DAWN AFTER AN UNEVENTFUL NIGHT [illegible]
[illegible] NEARLY [illegible] HAPPEN [illegible]
SANCTUARY OF EVIL
HERE IS A REFUGE FOR THE WICKED AND COMFORT FOR THE VILE ABANDON GOOD ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE
Signed Prince of Evil
WELL I'LL BE-

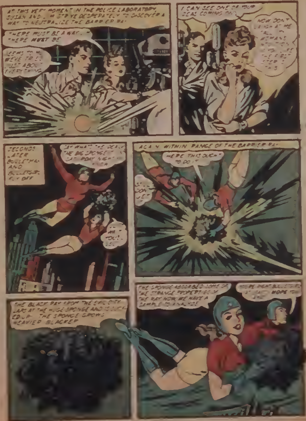

[illegible] GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE NAME
A WEIRD BORDER RAY [illegible] STRANGE INCREDIBLE [illegible] DESCENT!
THE POLICEMAN IS NOW ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BARRIER RAY. HIS FACE HAS BECOME AS SINISTER AND EVIL AS THE CROOK AND MURDERER [illegible]
HELLO BUD! YER ONE OF US NOW
YEAH I GUESS SO!
THIS IS THE TEMPLE OF EVIL. CROOKED GUYS ARE SAFE HERE!
TE E
WHAT A SET-UP!
INSIDE THE SINISTER PALACE-TEMPLE THE NEWCOMER KNEELS BEFORE THE THRONE OF THE PRINCE OF EVIL
GOOD IS PROTECTED BY THE SANCTUARY OF THE LAW. EVIL TOO MUST BE GUARDED
I HAVE NO CRIMINAL FANS. I WANT NO MONEY. I HAVE BUILT HERE A HAVEN WHERE THE CROOKED, THE DISHONEST, THE SINFUL MAY BE SAFE FOR EVIL MUST GO ON
GO FORTH BLACK IN MIND AND HEART AND SOUL. REMAIN TRUE TO EVIL WAYS AND YOU WILL BE SAFE HERE!

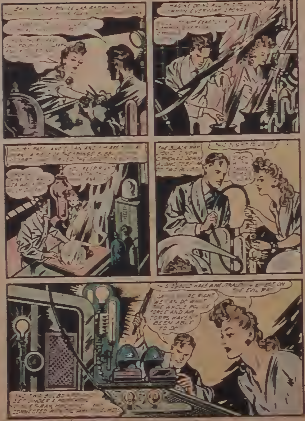

YAWN-N-THIS HAS BEEN A D... NIGHT — GLA... TO DAWN
NOTHING'S HAPPENED SO FAR BUT LOOK DOWN BELOW THERE LOOK
MEANWHILE, BAT... THE STILL SLEEPING CITY—
ALL RIGHT BOYS — ... SIT THE PRINCE LIKES COPPERS FOR HIS NEW RECRUITS
I HATE TO SMASH A SKYLIGHT BUT ITS PROPERTY OR LIVES
SORRY TO SHOCK YOU BOYS
CONK
WHAT THA—!
HEY!
BANG!

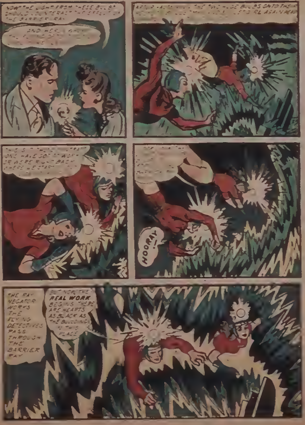

THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
HIT THE DECK AND STAY THERE
STAY AWAY OR I'LL LET THE SARGE HAVE IT!
THE FLYING DETECTIVES ARE [illegible]
SAY! LOOK WHERE THEY'RE GOING THAT USED TO BE AN OLD REFUSE DUMP
THERE'S SOME-THING WEIRD ABOUT THIS PLACE
AS THE TWO ZOOM [illegible] CHARACTERS OF THE FLYING COMPANY ARE ABOUT [illegible] BY PRINCE OF [illegible] AND HIS [illegible] FORCE
I FEEL STRANGE AND I CAN'T SEEM TO [illegible] FORWARD

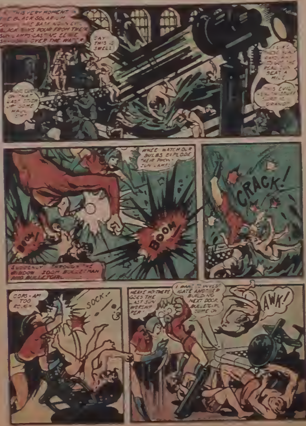

LATER AT CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS LIEUTENANT KE[illegible] HAVING A TOUGH TIME
WANT ACTION [illegible] THIS EVIL GROWTH MUST BE CUT OUT
SO THE MAYOR DEMANDS ACTION AGAINST THE SEVEN [illegible] OR I LOSE MY JOB
OH FATHER WE MUST DO SOM[illegible]
I'LL HELP YOU ALL I CAN, SIR
ALL YOU CAN, EH? YOU'RE NO GOOD NOW IF ONLY [illegible] HERE [illegible] CASE
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TALKED TO HIM THAT WAY FATHER
AW, IT'S GOOD FOR HIM
HA HA THEY DON'T KNOW I KNOW [illegible] REALLY IS [illegible] THAT'S A GOOD ONE
LIEUTENANT WE'VE JUST LOST A WHOLE DETACHMENT OF COPS [illegible] THAT DEVILS [illegible]
THIS IS [illegible] TERRIBLE
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO SUSAN [illegible] WONDER

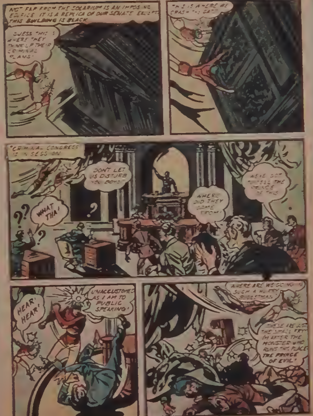

HELLO HELLO GIVE ME THE AIR CORPS
WHAT CAN THE AIR CORPS DO AGAINST THOSE SEARCHLIGHTS OF EVIL
YES LIEUTENANT KENT I THINK I UNDERSTAND WE'LL SEND OVER A SQUADRON AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON
AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT...
AND BY FLYING YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEAT THIS BARRIER RAY WHICH HAS BAFFLED THE POLICE I'M RELYING ON YOU TO CLEAN UP THIS PRESENCE OF EVIL WHATEVER IT IS GOOD LUCK
MINUTES LATER THE BLACK BARRIER RAY OF WICKED LIGHT PROJECTS ITS FINGER OF VILE CORRUPTION INTO THE SKY BATHED IN THE BLACK LIGHT, THE FLYERS INSTANTLY BECOME CORRUPT, THEIR EVIL THOUGHTS REFLECTED ON THEIR FACES
FEEL KIND OF FUNNY
I LIKE THE LOOKS OF THAT PLACE THERE I'M GOING TO SET HER DOWN!
THE FLYERS EAGERLY LAND THEIR PLANES CLOSE TO THE EVIL SANCTUARY
WE WANT TO BE WITH YOU NOW
I DON'T KNOW HOW WE STAYED AWAY FROM HERE SO LONG
WELCOME TO OUR TEMPLE OF EVIL!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL

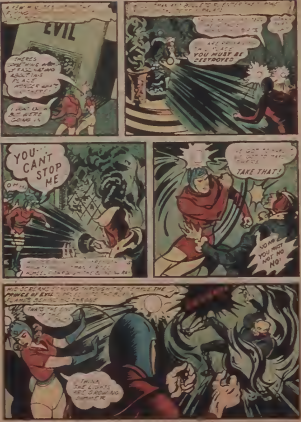

AT THIS VERY MOMENT IN THE POLICE LABORATORY, SUSAN AND JIM STRIVE DESPERATELY TO DISCOVER A WAY TO NEUTRALIZE THE BARRIER RAY
THERE MUST BE A WAY... THERE MUST BE
SEEMS TO ME WE'VE TRIED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING
I CAN SEE ONE OF YOUR IDEAS COMING ON!
NOW DON'T LAUGH AT ME
SECONDS LATER BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL FLY OFF
AGAIN WITHIN RANGE OF THE BARRIER RAY
HERE THIS OUGHT TO DO IT
THE BLACK RAY FROM THE EVIL CITY LAPS AT THE HUGE SPONGE AND IS SUCKED UP. THE SPONGE GROWS HEAVIER, BLACKER
THE SPONGE ABSORBED SOME OF THE STRANGE PROPERTIES OF THE RAY. NOW, WE HAVE A SAMPLE TO ANALYZE
YOU'RE RIGHT BULLETGIRL. HOPE

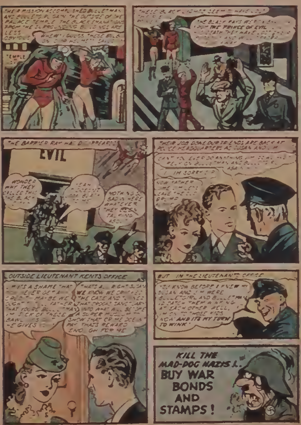

[illegible] EVERYDAY [illegible]
YOU KEEP [illegible]
[illegible] THE STRANGE [illegible]
THE BLACK RAY [illegible]
THIS SHOULD HAVE A NEUTRALIZING EFFECT ON THE EVIL RAY
[illegible] BE RIGHT WE CAN DO WHAT THE ANGLE POLICE FORCE AND AIR CORPS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO
[illegible] CONNECTED [illegible]

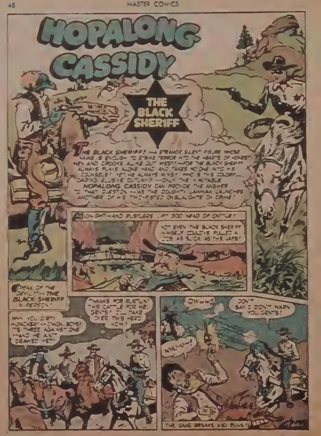

NOW THE LIGHT FROM THESE BULBS SHOULD COUNTERACT THE EFFECT OF THE BARRIER RAY
AND HERE I GO
THE TWO HUGE BULBS ONTO THE
THIS IS ONE HAS GOT OR WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED
HOORAY!
THE RAY NEGATOR WORKS THE FLYING DETECTIVES PASS THROUGH THE BARRIER RAY
BUT NOW THE REAL WORK BEGINS THERE ARE HEARTS AS BLACK AS THE BUILDINGS IN THIS PLACE

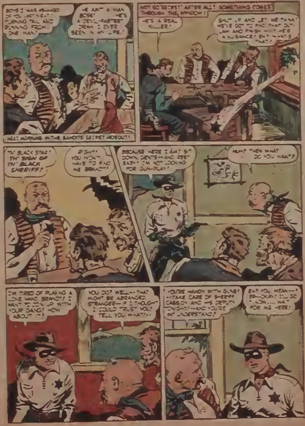

AT THIS VERY MOMENT IN THE BLACK SOLARIUM [illegible] BASK AGAIN [illegible] BLACK RAYS POUR FROM THE SUN LAMPS CASTING EERIE SHADOWS OVER THE WATER
SAY THIS IS SWELL!
[illegible] ON THAT LAST STICK UP SOME HAUL EH?
I LIKE THESE BLACK RAYS [illegible] THE REAL SUN BEAT A MILE
THIS EVIL [illegible] STUFF SURE IS GRAND!
WHEE WATCH OUR BULBS EXPLODE THEIR PHONY SUN LAMPS!
BOOM!
BOOM
SUDDENLY THROUGH THE WINDOW ZOOM BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL
CRACK!
OOPS - AM TOO ROUGH
SOCK!
HEAVE HO! THERE GOES THE LAST SUN WORSHIPPER!
I WANT TO INVESTIGATE ANOTHER BUILDING NEXT DOOR, BULLETGIRL. COME ON
AWK!

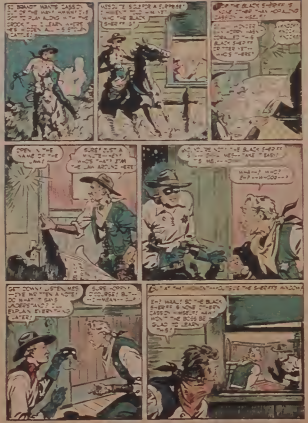

NOT FAR FROM THE SOLARIUM IS AN IMPOSING EDIFICE. IT IS A REPLICA OF OUR SENATE, EXCEPT THIS **BUILDING IS BLACK**
GUESS THIS IS WHERE THEY THINK UP THEIR CRIMINAL PLANS!
THIS IS WHERE WE CRASH THE GATE!
"CRIMINAL CONGRESS" IS IN SESSION
DON'T LET US DISTURB YOU BOYS!
??
WHAT THA'!
?
?
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
WE'VE GOT TO TELL THE PRINCE OF THIS!
HEAR! HEAR!
UNACCUSTOMED AS I AM TO PUBLIC SPEAKING!
WHERE ARE WE GOING IN SUCH A HURRY, BULLETMAN?
THESE ARE JUST THE SMALL FRY! I'M AFTER THE MONSTER WHO RUNS THE PLACE: **THE PRINCE OF EVIL!**

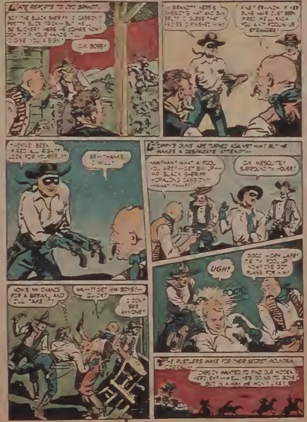

EVIL
THERES ... ABOUT THIS PLACE
... PLACE YOU MUST BE DESTROYED
YOU... CAN'T STOP ME
OHH.
TAKE THAT!
NO NO YOU MUST NOT NO NO!
HIS SCREAMS ... THROUGH THE TEMPLE THE PRINCE OF EVIL ... FLAMES BEHIND HIS THRONE
THAT'S THE END OF THE ...
I THINK THE LIGHTS ARE GROWING DIMMER

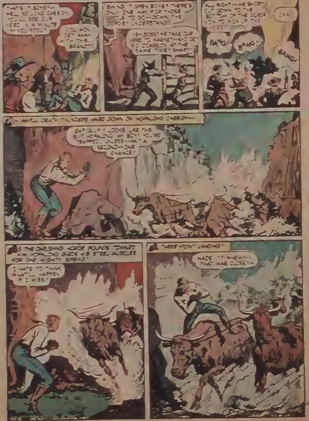

THEIR MISSION ACCOMPLISHED BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL GAIN THE OUTSIDE OF THE PALACE TEMPLE. THE BLACK SWASTIKAS ... THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS ARE LESS OBVIOUS
WHEW! I GUESS THESE ...
TEMPLE
THESE BLACK ... SEEM TO HAVE ...
THE BLACK RAYS WERE ... THE PRINCE OF EVIL ... DEATH THEY HAVE ...
THE BAFFLED RAY HAS DISAPPEARED!
EVIL
WONDER WHY THEY CALLED THIS THE BLACK ...
YEAH ... THE BLACK ...
NOTHING'S BAD IN HERE WHATEVER THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT
THEIR JOB DONE OUR TWO ... ARE BACK AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AS SUSAN AND JIM
CAN'T YOU EVER DO ANYTHING ... BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL ... AGAIN
I'M SORRY, SIR
NOW FATHER ...
OUTSIDE LIEUTENANT KENT'S OFFICE
IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU NEVER GET ANY CREDIT. MAYBE ... FATHER ... THAT YOU'RE ... SICK OF THESE ... HE GIVES ...
THAT'S ALL RIGHT SUSAN. WE KNOW WE CRACKED THE CASE AND ... A SUPER ... SHOW THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY. THAT'S REWARD ENOUGH FOR ME
BUT IN THE LIEUTENANT'S OFFICE
YOU KNOW BEFORE I KNEW MY SUSAN AND JIM WERE BULLETGIRL AND BULLETMAN I'D CATCH THEM WINKING AT EACH OTHER. WELL, I'M ON TO THOSE KIDS NOW AND IT'S MY TURN TO WINK!
KILL THE MAD-DOG NAZIS!
BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

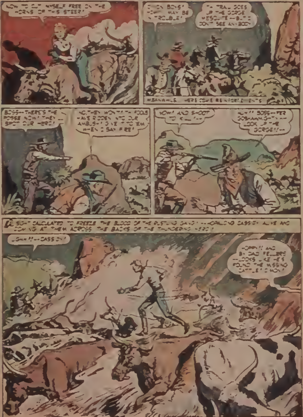

HOPALONG CASSIDY
THE BLACK SHERIFF
THE BLACK SHERIFF! —A STRANGE, SILENT FIGURE WHOSE NAME IS ENOUGH TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF HONEST MEN AND CROOKS ALIKE OUT WEST! —FOR THE BLACK SHERIFF ALWAYS PLAYS A LONE HAND AND TAKES NO ONE INTO HIS COUNSELS! YET HE ALWAYS WINS! WHO IS THIS COLORFUL, DARING, ELUSIVE OUTLAW? —ONLY THE INIMITABLE HOPALONG CASSIDY CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION —AS THE DOUGHTY LAWMAN LAUNCHES ANOTHER OF HIS TWO-FISTED ONSLAUGHTS ON CRIME!
MIDNIGHT—AND RUSTLERS LIFT 300 HEAD OF CATTLE!
NOT EVEN THE BLACK SHERIFF HIMSELF COULD'VE PULLED A JOB AS SLICK AS THIS, JAKE!
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL! —THE BLACK SHERIFF IN PERSON!
THANKS FOR RUSTLING THIS CATTLE FOR ME, GENTS! I'LL TAKE OVER THIS HERD NOW!
WHY, YOU DIRTY HIJACKER! —C'MON, BOYS! IT'S THREE AGAINST ONE —AND HE AIN'T DRAWED YET!
OWWW!
DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU, GENTS!
WHU-U-!
THE GANG BREAKS AND RUNS!

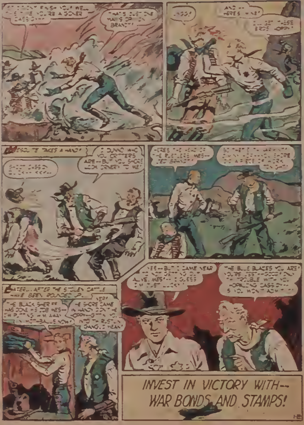

BOYS! I WAS ASHAMED OF YOU LAST NIGHT! TURNING TAIL AND RUNNING FROM ONE MAN!
HE AIN'T A MAN BOSS! HE'S A DEVIL—FASTEST DRAW I EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE!
NEXT MORNING IN THE BANDITS' SECRET HIDEOUT!
NOT SO "SECRET" AFTER ALL! SOMETHING COMES THROUGH THE WINDOW!
HE'S A REAL KILLER!
SHUT UP AND LET ME THINK! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT OUTLAW AND FINISH HIM! HE'S A NUISANCE! EH? WHAT'S THAT?
TH' BLACK STAR! TH' SIGN OF TH' BLACK SHERIFF!
RIGHT! YOU WON'T HAVE TO FIND ME BRANDT!
BECAUSE HERE I AM! SIT DOWN, GENTS—AND REST EASY! I'M NOT LOOKING FOR GUN-PLAY!
HUH? THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M TIRED OF PLAYING A LONE HAND, BRANDT! I WANT TO JOIN UP WITH YOUR GANG! HOW ABOUT IT?
YOU DO? WELL—THAT MIGHT BE ARRANGED, STRANGER—IF I THOUGHT I COULD TRUST YOU! TELL YOU WHAT—
YOU'RE HANDY WITH GUNS! —TAKE CARE OF SHERIFF CASSIDY AND HIS DEPUTY TONIGHT—AND YOU'RE IN! UNDERSTAND?
EH? YOU MEAN—? ER—OKAY! I'LL GO —NOW.... WAIT FOR ME HERE!

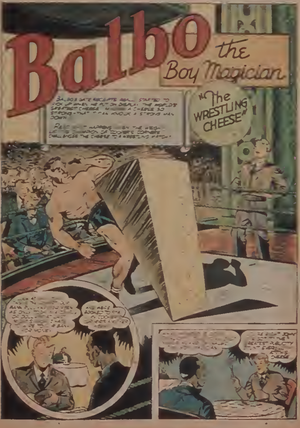

SO BRANDT WANTS CASSIDY OUT OF THE WAY! HMMM! I'VE GOT TO PLAY ALONG WITH THE CROOK TILL I LEARN WHERE HE'S HIDDEN ALL HIS STOLEN CATTLE!
MESQUITE IS IN FOR A SURPRISE! I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM YET WHO THE BLACK SHERIFF IS!
FOR THE BLACK SHERIFF IS NONE OTHER THAN HOPALONG CASSIDY HIMSELF!
I--I WONDER IF HOPPY HAS CORRALLED THIS BLACK SHERIFF CRITTER YET--WHO'S THERE?
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
OPEN IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!
SURE! JUST A MINUTE--HEY! WHO'S THAT? I'M THE LAW AROUND HERE!
NO, YOU'RE NOT! THE BLACK SHERIFF IS--SIT DOWN, WES--TAKE IT EASY! IT'S ME,--HOPPY!
WHA--? WHO? EH?--WHOOO--?
GET DOWN! LISTEN, WES--I'VE WRITTEN A NOTE! DO WHAT IT SAYS. UNDERSTAND? I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER!
SURE, HOPPY! O'COURSE! BUT--I--I MEAN--I--
BUT AT THAT MOMENT---OUTSIDE THE SHERIFF'S WINDOW,
EH? WAAL! SO THE BLACK SHERIFF IS NONE OTHER'N CASSIDY HIMSELF! MAN! WON'T THE BOSS BE GLAD TO LEARN THIS!

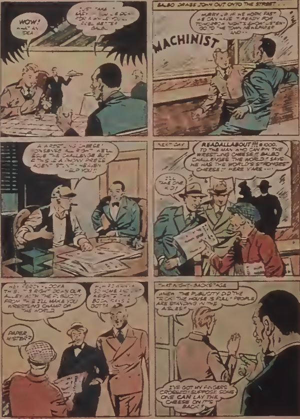

LAFE REPORTS TO JED BRANDT..
SO! THE BLACK SHERIFF IS CASSIDY! PRETTY SLICK TRICK -- BUT WE'LL BE SLICKER! HERE HE COMES NOW! DON'T DROP YOUR HANDS TILL I GIVE YOU A SIGN!
O.K. BOSS!
BRANDT! HERE'S CASSIDY'S HAT AND GUN BELT! I GUESS THAT PROVES I FINISHED HIM!
FINE! BRANDT, YOUR GUNS HAVE JUST BEEN FIRED! WE'LL KNOW YOU AIN'T FOOLIN' US STRANGER!
THEY'VE BEEN FIRED ALL RIGHT! LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
ER--THANKS I WILL!
[illegible] GUNS ARE TURNED AGAINST HIM! BUT HE MAKES A DESPARATE ATTEMPT--
HAW! HAW! WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE! --GET 'EM UP-- MR. BLACK SHERIFF HOPALONG CASSIDY! --WHAT ---??
O.K. MESQUITE! SURROUND TH' HOUSE!
NOW'S MY CHANCE FOR A BREAK, AND I'LL TAKE IT!
WH--?? GET 'IM BOYS!--QUICK!
I DON'T SEE ANYONE!
UGH!
SOCK
GOOD WORK, LAFE! TIE TH' FOOL UP NOW! I'VE GOT PLANS FOR HIM!
THE RUSTLERS MAKE FOR THEIR SECRET MOUNTAIN CORRAL--
CASSIDY WANTED TO FIND OUR HIDDEN HERD, EH? -- WELL, HE'S GOING TO, BOYS BUT IN A WAY HE WON'T LIKE!

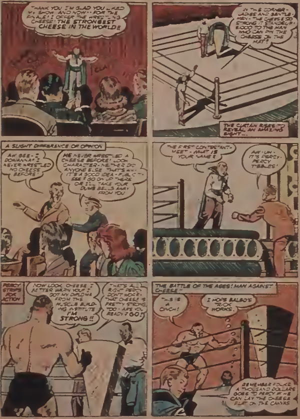

THAT'S IT BOYS!— WELL, SO LONG CASSIDY— YOU'LL SEE OUR HERD IN A MINUTE —YOU FOOL!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, BRANCH!
SWING IT OPEN BOYS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY FOR THOSE CATTLE TO GO—DOWN THE GORGE! UNDERSTAND?
YEH, BOSS! WE TAKE OUR HERD TO MARKET—AND GET RID OF CASSIDY AT THE SAME TIME! SMART!
ALL RIGHT—WE SHOOT 'EM DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE GORGE NOW TO PICK UP THE HERD! C'MON!
OKA
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
AND AN AWFUL DEATH THUNDERS HARD DOWN ON HOPALONG CASSIDY—
EH? GULP! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT, HOPALONG MY BOY! YOU'RE TRAPPED, UNLESS—HA! A SECOND—ONE CHANCE!
AS THE CRUSHING HORDE POUNDS TOWARD HIM HOPALONG GIRDS HIS STEEL MUSCLES FOR ONE MIGHTY SPRING!
I HATE TO THINK WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I MISS!
THREE-POINT LANDING!
MADE IT! WHEW!— THAT WAS CLOSE!—

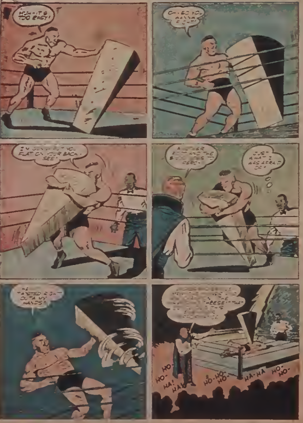

NOW TO CUT MYSELF FREE ON THE HORNS OF THIS STEER!
C'MON BOYS! HOPPY MAY BE IN TROUBLE!
THE TRAIL GOES UP THE GORGE MESQUITE—BUT I DON'T SEE ANYBODY
MEANWHILE, HERE COME REINFORCEMENTS
BOSS—THERE'S THE POSSE NOW! THEY— SPOT OUR HERD!
NO, THEY WON'T—THE FOOLS HAVE RIDDEN INTO OUR AMBUSH! GIVE IT TO 'EM WHEN I SAY FIRE!
NOW! AND SHOOT TO KILL!—
HUH!! BOSS—FER GOSHAMIGHTY—LOOK UP THE GORGE!!—
A SIGHT CALCULATED TO FREEZE THE BLOOD OF THE RUSTLING GANG!—HOPALONG CASSIDY ALIVE AND COMING AT THEM ACROSS THE BACKS OF THE THUNDERING HERD!
UGH!!—CASSIDY!
HOPPY! AND BY DAD FELLERS —LOOKS LIKE HE'S FOUND THE MISSING CATTLE, I KNOW!

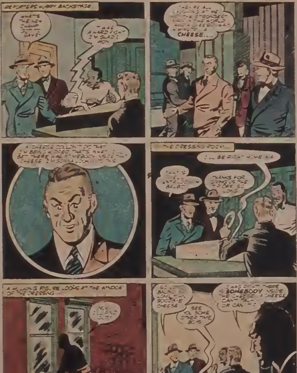

YOU'RE A GONER CASSIDY!
THAT'S JUST ONE ... BRANDT!
UGGG!
AND — HERE'S MINE!
MESQUITE TAKES A HAND!
SHOOT CASSIDY, QUICK—KKK...
I DUNNO WHO YOU CRITTERS ARE—BUT YOU SHORE LOOK ORNERY TO ME!
HERE'S THE HEAD OF THE RUSTLERS, MES—JED BRANDT!
... SHORE DID A PIECE OF WORK TONIGHT!
LATER... AFTER THE STOLEN CATTLE HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP...
THE BLACK SHERIFF HAS DONE HIS JOB, MES— I'M PUTTING HIM AWAY IN MOTHBALLS NOW!
YEP! HE SHORE CAME IN HANDY ... INTO THE RUSTLIN' GANG, I MEAN!
YES—BUT I CAME NEAR ... NOT GETTING OUT ALIVE, MES— I GUESS I'M JUST LUCKY!
THE BLUE BLAZES YOU ARE! YOU'RE ... TROUBLE WITH YOU HOPALONG CASSIDY ...
INVEST IN VICTORY WITH— WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

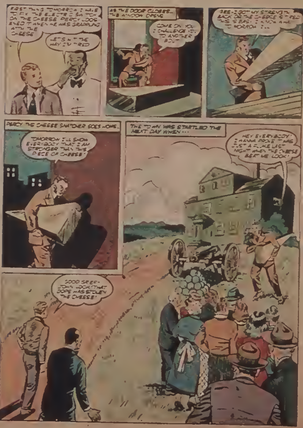

Balbo the Boy Magician
"The WRESTLING CHEESE"
BALBO'S GATE RECEIPTS REALLY STARTED TO PICK UP WHEN HE PUT ON DISPLAY THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHEESE [illegible] A CHEESE SO STRONG THAT IT CAN KNOCK A STRONG MAN DOWN.
[illegible] HAPPENS WHEN THE [illegible] OF COOPER'S CORNERS CHALLENGES THE CHEESE TO A WRESTLING MATCH!
[illegible] FOR MONEY.
[illegible] GREATEST PUBLICITY [illegible] CHEESE

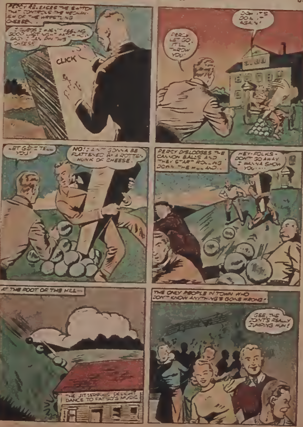

WOW! WHAT AN IDEA
JUST TAKE IT EASY ... FOR A WHILE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER BALBO
BALBO DRAGS JOHN OUT ONTO THE STREET . . .
HURRY UP IF WE WORK FAST WE CAN HAVE IT READY FOR TOMORROW NIGHT'S SHOW! LISTEN- GO TO THE TOWN NEWSPAPER AND - -
MACHINIST
A WRESTLING CHEESE! NONSENSE ALL RIGHT WE'LL ISSUE THE CHALLENGE BUT IF THIS IS A PHONY PRESS AGENT STUNT - HEAVEN HELP YOU!!
NEXT DAY
READALLABOUT!!! $1000. TO THE MAN WHO CAN PIN THE WRESTLING CHEESE!! BALBO CHALLENGES THE WORLD!" SAYS HE HAS THE WORLD'S STRONGEST" CHEESE!! HERE Y'ARE ---
I'LL TAKE ONE KID!
HEY PERCY - LOOKA THIS. IT'S RIGHT DOWN OUR ALLEY WITH THE PUBLICITY FROM THIS I'LL MAKE YOU WRESTLING CHAMP OF THE WORLD
GO HOME ... WEIGHT ... BOSS SAYS I GOTTA
PAPER MISTER?
THAT NIGHT - BACKSTAGE
WHEW THE PUBLICITY DID THE TRICK. THE HOUSE IS FULL - PEOPLE ARE STANDING IN THE AISLES"
I'VE GOT MY FINGERS CROSSED! SUPPOSE SOME ONE CAN LAY THE CHEESE ON IT'S BACK?

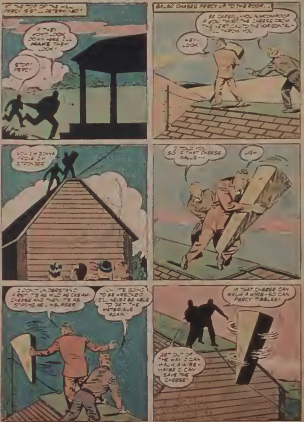

THANK YOU I'M GLAD YOU LIKED MY SHOW AND NOW··FOR THE FINALE I OFFER THE WRESTLING CHEESE·THE STRONGEST CHEESE IN THE WORLD!
CLAP
IN THIS CORNER-LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-THE CHEESE SO STRONG IT STANDS UP! $1000 TO THE MAN WHO CAN PIN THE CHEESE ON THE MAT!
THE CURTAIN RISES TO REVEAL AN AMAZING SIGHT...
A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE OF OPINION
AW GEE-I DUNNO-I NEVER WRESTLED NO CHEESE BEFORE!
HE NEVER WRESTLED A CHEESE BEFORE! LOOK CHARACTER-NEITHER DID ANYONE ELSE THAT'S WHY IT'S A GOOD IDEA-PUBLICITY SEE? GO ON UP THERE OR I'LL TAKE YOUR DUMB BELLS AWAY FROM YOU
THE FIRST CONTESTANT-MEET-WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
AW·UH·IT'S PERCY·PERCY TIBBLES!
PERCY STRIPS FOR ACTION
NOW LOOK CHEESE I BETTER WARN YOU! I GOT MY DIPLOMA FROM THE MUSCLE BUILDING INSTITUTE I'M STRONG!!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT PERCY DON'T WORRY. THAT CHEESE IS PRETTY STRONG TOO·ARE YOU READY? GO!
THE BATTLE OF THE AGES! MAN AGAINST CHEESE"
THIS IS A CINCH!
I HOPE BALBO'S TRICK WORKS.
REMEMBER FOLKS A THOUSAND DOLLARS GOES TO PERCY IF HE CAN LAY THE CHEESE FLAT ON THE CANVAS

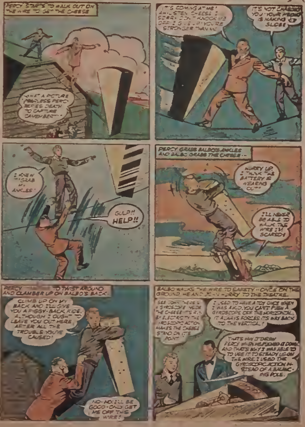

HAH—IT'S TOO EASY!
I'M GONNA PUT YOU FLAT ON YOUR BACK. SEE?
JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF!
HE TWISTED RIGHT OUTA MY HANDS!
HO-HO-
HA! HA!
HO-HO HO-
HA-HA
HO-HO-

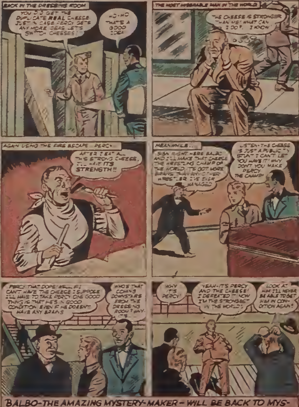

REPORTERS HURRY BACKSTAGE
WHAT'S THE NEW CHAMP GOT TO SAY?
IT WAS A HARD FIGHT I'M GLAD I WON
THEY'RE ALL LAUGHING AT ME THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD ... A CHEESE...
A CHEESE COULDN'T DO THAT ... BET THERE WAS SOMEBODY INSIDE ... CHEESE
THE DRESSING ROOM
I'LL BE RIGHT HOME MA
THANKS FOR GIVING US THE STORY SO LONG
A HULKING FIGURE LOOKS AT THE WINDOW OF THE DRESSING
SEE YOU SOME OTHER TIME BOYS
... THERE IS SOMEBODY INSIDE THE CHEESE ... A CHEESE CAN'T TALK OR CAN IT?


FIRST THING TOMORROW I HAVE TO FIX THE ELECTRIC SWITCH ON THE CHEESE. PERCY LOOSENED IT WHEN HE WAS GRAPPLING WITH THE CHEESE
LET'S HIT THE HAY. I'M TIRED
AS THE DOOR CLOSES— THE WINDOW OPENS
COME ON YOU I CHALLENGE YOU TO ANOTHER BOUT
SEE—I GOT MY STRENGTH BACK OR THE CHEESE'S TIRED. THIS IS EASY! I KNOW AND TOMORROW I...
PERCY THE CHEESE SNATCHER GOES HOME.
TOMORROW I'LL SHOW EVERYBODY THAT I AM STRONGER THAN THIS PIECE OF CHEESE!
THE TOWN WAS STARTLED THE NEXT DAY WHEN...
HEY EVERYBODY! I WANNA PROVE IT WAS JUST A FLUKE LAST NIGHT WHEN THE CHEESE BEAT ME. LOOK!
GOOD GREE- JOHN LOOK THAT DOPE HAS STOLEN THE CHEESE!


PERCY RELEASES THE SWITCH THAT CONTROLS THE MECHANISM OF THE WRESTLING CHEESE.
I GUESS I WASN'T FEELING GOOD THAT NIGHT [illegible]... BUT I CAN PIN THIS CHEESE
CLICK
OOH IT'S DOIN' IT AGAIN!
PERCY LET GO. I'LL THROW YOU!
LET GO I TELL YOU!
NO! I AIN'T GONNA BE FLATTENED BY A ROTTEN HUNK OF CHEESE.
PERCY DISLODGES THE CANNON BALLS AND THEY START ROLLING DOWN THE HILL AND..
HEY-FOLKS- DON'T GO AWAY I WANNA SHOW YOU....
AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL...
THE JITTERBUGS DELIGHT DANCE TO FATSO'S MUSIC
THE ONLY PEOPLE IN TOWN WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING'S GONE WRONG.
GEE, THE JOINT'S REALLY JUMPING HUH!


AT THE TOP OF THE HILL PERCY IS STILL DETERMINED!
IF THEY WON'T LOOK DOWN HERE I'LL MAKE THEM LOOK!
STOP! PERCY
BALBO CHASES PERCY UP TO THE ROOF..
BE CAREFUL--YOU NINCOMPOOP IF YOU TWIST THE CHEESE FROM THE VERTICAL TO THE HORIZONTAL--I'LL THROW YOU
HEY! LOOK
NOW I'M GONNA PROVE I'M STRONGER
I TOLD YOU SO! THAT CHEESE FALLS...
UGH
I DON'T UNDERSTAND FIRST IT'S AS MILD AS CREAM CHEESE AND THEN IT'S AS STRONG AS LIMBURGER
OH, IT'S GOING TO BE WRECKED I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THE WATERFALL AGAIN!
IF THAT CHEESE CAN WALK A WIRE - SO CAN PERCY TIBBLES!
GET OUT OF THE WAY I CAN WALK A WIRE--MAYBE I CAN SAVE THE CHEESE!


PERCY STARTS TO WALK OUT ON THE WIRE TO GET THE CHEESE
WHAT A PICTURE 'PEERLESS PERCY' DEFIES DEATH TO CAPTURE CAMEMBERT--
IT'S COMING AT ME! AH--SWEET CHEESE! SORRY--DON'T KNOCK ME OFF! I GIVE UP! YOU'RE STRONGER THAN ME
IT'S NOT CHASING YOU! YOUR WEIGHT IS MAKING IT SLIDE!
I KNEW HE'D GRAB MY ANKLES!
GULP!! HELP!!
PERCY GRABS BALBO'S ANKLES AND BALBO GRABS THE CHEESE.--
HURRY UP, I THINK THE BATTERY IS WEARING OUT!
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO WALK THE WIRE! I'M SCARED!
PERCY MANAGES TO TWIST AROUND AND CLAMBER UP ON BALBO'S BACK.
CLIMB UP ON MY BACK AND I'LL GIVE YOU A PIGGY-BACK RIDE. ALTHOUGH I OUGHT TO LEAVE YOU OUT HERE AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED!
NO-NO! I'LL BE GOOD-ONLY GET ME OFF THIS WIRE!
BALBO WALKS THE WIRE TO SAFETY--ONCE ON THE GROUND HE AND JOHN HURRY TO THE THEATRE.
SEE JOHN, THERE'S A GYROSCOPE INSIDE THE CHEESE. IT'S RUN BY ELECTRICITY. THE GYROSCOPIC ACTION MAKES THE CHEESE STAND ON IT'S POINT.
I USED TO HAVE A TOY ONCE WHEN I WAS A KID. YOU CAN'T PUSH A GYROSCOPE OFF THE HORIZONTAL. IT ALWAYS FORCES IT'S WAY BACK TO THE VERTICAL!
THAT'S WHY I THREW PERCY WHEN HE PUSHED IT DOWN AND THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO TO USE IT TO STEADY US ON THE WIRE. I USED THE GYROSCOPIC ACTION INSTEAD OF A BALANCING POLE.


BACK IN THE DRESSING ROOM
YOU DID GET THE DUPLICATE REAL CHEESE JUST IN CASE PERCY GETS ANY MORE IDEAS LET'S SWITCH CHEESES!
HO-HO THAT'S A GOOD IDEA
THE MOST MISERABLE MAN IN THE WORLD
THE CHEESE IS STRONGER THAN ME! WHAT CAN I DO? I KNOW!
AGAIN USING THE FIRE ESCAPE—PERCY
AFTER I EAT ALL THIS STRONG CHEESE, I'LL HAVE ITS STRENGTH!!
MEANWHILE..
SIGN RIGHT HERE BALBO AND I'LL MAKE THAT CHEESE THE WRESTLING CHAMP OF THE WORLD! IT'S GOT MORE BRAINS THAN ANY OTHER WRESTLER I'VE EVER MANAGED
LISTEN-THE CHEESE IS JUST A PUBLICITY STUNT I CAN'T LET YOU HAVE IT! WHY DON'T YOU MAKE PERCY THE CHAMP?
PERCY! THAT DOPE! WELL IF I CAN'T HAVE THE CHEESE I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE PERCY ONE GOOD THING IS THAT HE'S IN GOOD CONDITION EVEN IF HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY BRAINS
WHO'S THAT COMING DOWNSTAIRS FROM THE DRESSING ROOM? WHY, IT'S
WHY IT'S PERCY!
YEAH-IT'S PERCY AND THE CHEESE! I DEFEATED IT NOW I'M THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD!
LOOK AT HIM! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET HIM IN CONDITION AGAIN!

BALBO-THE AMAZING MYSTERY-MAKER - WILL BE BACK TO MYSTIFY YOU IN YOUR NEXT ISSUE OF MASTER COMICS!!!

BALBO'S

OWN MAGIC PAGE

B[illegible] had a whole series of [illegible] worked out with toy [illegible] which he intended to tell you about this month. But he found out that because of the metal shortage they are not being made any more. [illegible] he gives you:

BALBO'S RUNNING CHEESE

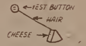
You show a little triangular piece of cheese which is wrapped in a piece of silver [illegible] as some cheeses are.

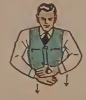
You lay this on the back of [illegible] [illegible] heard [illegible] cheese so [illegible] get [illegible], and [illegible] Well, here's a piece that [illegible] that's strong! Watch!

The cheese moves along [illegible] your left hand and goes up across the top of your right hand which is above the left. You continue doing this faster and faster. It looks as if the cheese is running!

All you need is a long hair [illegible] end of cheese you can whittle a piece of wood and glue tinfoil on it. Fasten one end of the hair to the cheese and the other end to your vest button. (See figure.)

Stretch out your left hand [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] Place "cheese" on the back of your left hand. Place right hand above and near the left. Now [illegible] your left hand downwards. The cheese seems to go up. You also move the right hand downwards. This forces the cheese to jump from your left hand to your right. Next move your right hand down and [illegible] left hand above the right. Continue doing this. The illusion is perfect. If you [illegible] talk [illegible] then you can do this with three [illegible] and they won't be able [illegible]





THE OBEDIENT CHEESE!

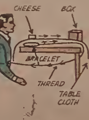
This is a [illegible] follow up for the "Running Cheese." You [illegible] the cheese on the table and say "Go on, go home!" The cheese moves across the table and goes into a cheese box! You pick up the box and anyone can examine both the box and the cheese!

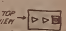
You will need a flat ring; a woman's bracelet will do if it's flat. Tie a piece of thread to the ring. Place under table cloth and arrange thread as in Fig. The thread goes over the table around under the table and back. When you pull to you, the ring moves away across the table. At the far side of table place a little cardboard box (as in Fig.)

When you finish the "Running Cheese," break the hair and lay the cheese on the table on top of the ring which is hidden by the table cloth.

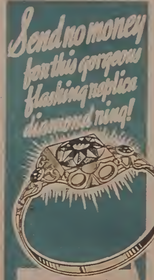
If the thread is fastened to you, all you have to do is back away and cheese glides across the table away from you! As soon as it enters the box, pick up the box and throw it to your audience.

These two effects will *really* baffle people. Practise them well before you present them.





CHEESE IS CARRIED BY BRACELET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L[illegible] Have you ever longed to own a real diamond ring? Of course you have. But today due to the war, diamond prices are soaring higher and higher. They are beyond the reach of most people.

Yet you can still satisfy your natural desire for beautiful jewelry at a price you can easily afford. Read our great offer! Then act at once. As long as our supply lasts, we will send you on 10 day approval one of our gorgeously brilliant replica diamond solitaire rings, fashioned in the latest Sweetheart Design.

These rings are really beautiful. So full of flash and sparkle and dazzling brilliant colors. So much like real diamonds costing hundreds of dollars that they can hardly be told apart.

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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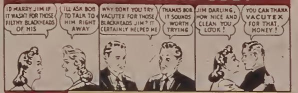
OR NO COST


I'D MARRY JIM IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE FILTHY BLACKHEADS OF HIS
I'LL ASK BOB TO TALK TO HIM RIGHT AWAY
WHY DON'T YOU TRY VACUTEX FOR THOSE BLACKHEADS JIM? IT CERTAINLY HELPED ME
THANKS BOB IT SOUNDS WORTH TRYING
JIM DARLING, HOW NICE AND CLEAN YOU LOOK!
YOU CAN THANK VACUTEX FOR THAT, HONEY!

ACTUAL LENGTH
ONLY THREE EASY STEPS
UGLY BLACKHEADS
USE VACUTEX
THEY'RE OUT!
RUSH COUPON
•
Send No MONEY

AMAZING NEW SCIENTIFIC METHOD

If you have blackheads, [illegible] embarrassing the[illegible] [illegible] pores, mar your appearance and [illegible]. Now [illegible] solve the problem of [illegible] blackheads forever, with this amazing new VACUTEX Invention. It extracts [illegible] blackheads in [illegible] without injuring or squeezing the [illegible]. VACUTEX creates a gentle vacuum around blackhead. Cleans out hard-to-reach places in a jiffy. Germ laden fingers never touch the skin. Simply place the direction finder over blackhead, draw back extractor [illegible] and it's out! Release extractor and blackhead is ejected. VACUTEX does it all! Don't risk infection with old-fashioned methods. Order TODAY!

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Boy! Oh! Boy!

What MUSCLE... What a BUILD... What SPEED!

I'll tell you—You're Way Up Front With

STRENGTH LIKE THIS!

Let me show you what I can do for you!

[illegible]

POWER PLUS Means Vitality, Energy, Strength!

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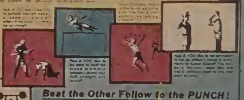

Read These Two Letters

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Beat the Other Fellow to the PUNCH!

[illegible]

This Is the Most Remarkable Offer I've Made!

[illegible]

$25.00 Only $2.95

And Here's My MONEY BACK OFFER!

[illegible]

FREE FOR PROMPT ACTION!

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SEND NO MONEY
Just Mail This Coupon

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[illegible]